coconut, vegetables, cashewnuts, spices and plantation crops and new schemes for the development of medicinal & aromatic plants, mushroom, floriculture, betelvine, root & tuber crops and beekeeping. Besides these, major schemes on use of plastics and development of infrastructure for post harvest handling and marketing are also being continued.

In floriculture, the programmes and projects include the establishment of model floriculture centres, creating facilities for post harvest handling and management and providing for improved quality planting material.

(c) As a result of the efforts of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, promising and superior varieties of mango, guava, banana and cashew have been developed, as indicated below:

1. Mango: Mallika, Amrapalli, Ratna, Sindhu, Arka Puneet, Arka Aruna and Arka Anmol.
2. Guava: Arka Mridula and Arka Amulya.
3. Banana: Co-1, H-1 and H-2
4. Cashew: Anakayam-1, Bapatla (BPP) 1-6, BLA-1, Vengurla 1-6, Ullal 1-3, NRCC 1 and 2, Chintamani-1.

Setting up of Physical Teachers' Training Institutes

1281. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the training facilities available for the Physical Training Instructors in Schools and Colleges in the country are not adequate;

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up adequate number of physical teachers' training institutes; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The Government of India has not conducted any study as yet to evaluate the adequacy of training facilities for Physical Training Instructors in the Country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of University for Dravidian Studies

1282. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a University for Dravidian Studies is being set up in Andhra Pradesh at Kuppum;

(b) whether Government/UGC has been approached to fund this university; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will institute UGC chairs in this prestigious University to study contribution of Dravidian movement on the national politics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) It is understood that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has initiated steps for establishing an Institute/University of Dravidian Studies at Kuppum in the State.

(b) In response to a request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for provision of funds for this purpose, it has been clarified that under the existing guidelines for funding of State Universities by UGC, there is no provision for prior commitment of funds to a State University.

(c) It is for the proposed Institute/ University, as and when it is established, to consider proposals for institution of chairs.